



News Release

Premier Announces New Deputy Ministers

IQALUIT, NU (June 10, 2011) – Premier Eva Aariak today announced the appointment of a new Deputy Minister of Executive, Deputy Minister of Finance and Deputy Minister of Human Resources.

Daniel Vandermeulen will become Deputy Minister of Executive, and will also serve as Secretary to Cabinet and Secretary to the Senior Personnel Secretariat. Mr. Chris D’Arcy will become Deputy Minister of Finance and Mr. Joe Kunuk will become Deputy Minister of Human Resources.

“I would like to welcome our new deputies to their roles in the senior executive,” said Premier Eva Aariak. “These individuals have proven themselves as highly capable and result-oriented leaders who are committed to improving the public service through the implementation of our *Tamapta* mandate.”

Mr. Vandermeulen has served as President of Nunavut Arctic College since 2007. Originally from Alberta, Mr. Vandermeulen has governance experience as a municipal councilor, the chair of the board of trustees of a large rural school division, and a member of provincial boards. He has worked as an educator, administrator and superintendent since 1968, and served for nearly 20 years as the President of Northern Lakes Colleges. Mr. Vandermeulen holds a B.Ed., B.A., and M.Ed. from the University of Alberta.

Mr. D’Arcy is currently acting Deputy Minister of Finance, and has served as Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Planning, since 2009. Since 1995, Mr. D’Arcy has held various managerial positions in Nunavut, most recently as the Director of Corporate Policy and Secretary for the Crown Agency Council for the Department of Finance. Educated through Dawson College and McGill University (Economics) and the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (4th year), Mr. D’Arcy also holds a professional designation as a Certified Association Executive (CAE). Prior to venturing North, Chris worked for over ten years in the not-for-profit sector in Alberta.

The Premier also announced today that she has accepted the resignation of Louise Wasson, Deputy Minister of Human Resources, who will be retiring from the public service.

